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LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, July 27, 2009

7:00 p.m., PD&T Cmte to follow.

Room 161, UW-Extension

1150 Bellevue Street

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Approve/Modify Agenda.
- III. Approve/Modify Minutes of Land Conversation Subcommittee of May 26, 2009.
 1. Land and Water Conservation Department Monthly Budget Update (copy to be distributed at meeting).
 2. Variance request from Brian Eichhorst to build an Animal Waste Storage Facility closer than 250 feet from adjacent property. (Map and Notice of intent approval: 2009 Brian Eichhorst Pit Variance request attached).
 3. Farm Bureau and UWEX newsletter items from Land and Water Conservation Department (Farm Bureau Newsletter items attached).
 4. Buffer strip installation agreements section 6 Humboldt - Baird Creek; Kyle Buresh LWCD summer intern.
 5. Conservation Award – Larry Kriese, West Shore Pike Habitat Restoration Project (Attachments: Larry Kriese Conservation Award; Organizations Pump Millions from Paper Mills into Restoration Efforts)
 6. Director's report.
 7. Such other matters as authorized by law.

Norb Dantinne, Chair

Attachments

Notice is hereby given that action by the Committee may be taken on any of the items which are described or listed in this agenda.

Please take notice that it is possible additional members of the Board of Supervisors may attend this meeting, resulting in a majority or quorum of the Board of Supervisors. This may constitute a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda. Word97/Agendas/Lcc/July27_2009.doc

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M-745

Brian
Eichhorst

Pit

Randy
Ryoti

Notice of Intent

This letter was drafted in order to provide you with information about an animal waste storage facility being planned near your property under authority of Chapter 26 of the Brown County Administrative Code.

I/We (Randy and Sharon Ryoti), are aware of the manure storage facility
NEIGHBOR'S NAME(S) PRINTED

being planned for Brian Eichhorst. I/We are also aware of the Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee meeting being held July 27 '2009 at 7PM p.m. at the AG & Extension Service Center, for a request for a variance to the Brown County Animal Waste Management Ordinance. The ordinance requires a 250-foot setback of a manure storage facility from an adjacent property owner. At this time I/We have ~~have no~~ comments or objections with the placing of a manure storage facility for Brian Eichhorst Farm within 250 feet of my property.

Randy Ryoti
NEIGHBOR'S SIGNATURE

date: 5 July 09

Sharon Ryoti
NEIGHBOR'S SIGNATURE

date: 7/5/2009

Enclosed for your information is an aerial view of Brian Eichhorst Farm with the location of the planned facility and a copy of Brown County's Animal Waste Ordinance. Please review and circle the above italicized statement, which fits your position on the location of the manure storage facility and send back to Brown County Land Conservation Department with the enclosed stamped envelope.

Thank-you

Ag & Extension Service Center
1150 Bellevue St.
Green Bay.

Mon 7/13/2009 4:48 PM

To: Phillip Ulmer
President Brown County Farm Bureau,

Attached below are some articles that would be good to put in a Farm Bureau Newsletter that we discussed at your Farm Bureau meeting 7/7/09.
Please share with the leadership of your organization.

I will also send copy to Mark Hagedorn as it is possible that UW Extension may also be able to put in their newsletter.

Please review and provide any comments or edits needed.

Thanks for your help getting this important information out to the farming community.
Regards,

Bill Hafs

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Landowners who accept "other waste" need to follow rules.

State rules on Nutrient Management (590) standard require all "other waste" (municipal, septic or industrial) land applied to cropland that receives animal waste or commercial fertilizer must be included in state and county required nutrient management plans. Landowners need to inform their private agronomists of any other waste that is land applied or stored in an animal waste storage facility.

Animal waste storage facilities permitted by Brown County may not store more than 25,000 gallons of any combination of domestic waste, industrial wastewater generated offsite, or sludge according to Federal NRCS standard 313 Waste Storage Facility. Failure to follow rules can lead to inspection fees and fines.

Animal Waste Storage Facilities must be fenced

Federal standard 313 states: Fences a minimum of 4 feet tall, that does not allow passage of animals or people, shall be installed to restrict areas. This is a safety issue that everyone needs to follow. Failure to follow rules can lead to inspection fees and fines.

Confined space and trenches

Agriculture producers need to be extremely careful working in confined spaces and trenches. Special equipment is required. In most cases agriculture producers are not equipped to work in these situations. Call a contractor who knows the requirements and has the proper equipment to do such work. Every year agriculture producers are injured or killed in these situations. Know the rules!

NWTC Nutrient Management class

Nutrient Management offered by NWTC for Farmers interested in learning the process of doing their own plan. The workshop components of nutrient management curriculum split into four modules of learning.

- Introduction to nutrient management planning using SNAP(+)
- Nitrogen management
- Phosphorus, potassium, & pH management
- Manure management

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class title</u>	<u>Catalog No.</u>	<u>Start/End Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Fee</u>
81918	Nutrient Management	47-090-497	09/30-11/18	W	10:00a-2:30p	\$45.50

HOW TO REGISTER

Use my.NWTC to access online registration. All you need is your Social Security Number or Student ID. Please have a credit card available for payment of all non-credit classes.

- Go to <http://www.nwtc.edu>
- Click the my NWTC button below the NWTC logo.
- Enter your User ID and password or follow the on screen instructions to create an account.
Note: When you see your Student ID and choose a password, write them down – you will need them!
- Once you are logged in to my.NWTC select “Student Center” near the top of your screen, then the “Search for Classes” button on the right.

Walk In at any NWTC location: 2740 West Mason Street, got to the Student Center, Level 2, Welcome Center (off of Larsen Road)

Phone IN 498-5444, have student ID number available with credit card numbers

Steffes earns WWF's 2009 Conservationist of the Year award

MAY 29, 2009

By Tim Eisele

Contributing Writer

Stevens Point, Wis. — The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation celebrated 60 years of conservation work with an annual meeting and conservation awards celebration, recognizing conservation leaders throughout the state.

The WWF, which represents more than 100 hunting, fishing, trapping, and conservation clubs throughout the state, announced that Dick Steffes, DNR director of real estate, was its selection as the 2009 Conservationist of the Year. Steffes has been with the DNR for 35 years and is responsible for buying more than 700,000 acres of land during his tenure.

Steffes has conducted land negotiations and presents proposed purchases to the Natural Resources Board for approval so that the land will be available to all state citizens. Some of the larger purchases that were approved

with the oversight of Steffes include the Chippewa Flowage in Sawyer County, the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage in Iron County, the Willow Flowage in Oneida County, Gov. Thompson State Park in Marinette County, and Centennial State Park.

Steffes told the gathering at the WWF's April 4 meeting that natural resources have always been a part of Wisconsin's heritage. He thanked the citizens, governors, Natural Resources Board members, and DNR secretaries for their help in preserving land for public use over the last 35 years.

The WWF presented its Sportsman of the Year Award to George Meyer, WWF executive director and former DNR secretary. The award was a surprise to Meyer, and follows on the heels of the national award that he received from *Outdoor Life* magazine last year. The *Outdoor Life* 25 is an awards program sponsored



George Meyer, center, receives the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation's 2009 Sportsman of the Year Award from Ralph Fritsch, WWF Wildlife Committee chair. Pictured are (l-r): emcee Steve Pease, WWF first vice president Jack Nissen, Meyer, WWF president Lil Pipping, and Fritsch.

by the national outdoor magazine recognizing people who have changed the face of hunting and fishing in the country.

Each year the magazine profiles 25 leaders, innovators, conservationists, and unsung heroes who have had a positive influence on the outdoor sports.

WWF Wildlife Committee chairman Ralph Fritsch said Meyer was receiving the award for his "many activities, dedication, and legacy to conservation and natural resources."

Meyer thanked the WWF, saying, "All I do is what you and I believe in and I get paid for doing it. You are volunteers."

He paid homage to the values and dedication of WWF members.



Dick Steffes, center, holds a carved ruffed grouse presented to him as the WWF 2009 Conservationist of the Year. Pictured are (l-r): WWF Executive Director George Meyer, Steffes, and WWF president Lil Pipping.

Photo by Tim Eisele

Other recipients of 2009 WWF Conservation Achievement Awards were:

- **Badger Fisherman League** — Conservation Education Organization of the Year. The league has sponsored kids fishing clinics for many years. Typically more than 600 kids participate in the program.
- **Larry Kriese** — Water Conservationist of the Year. Kriese, a retired DNR conservation warden, heads up the Northern Pike Project for the Brown County Land Conservation Department. The program provides important spawning habitat for northern pike.
- **Ruth Ann Lee** — Conservation Educator of the Year. Lee is the lead educator of the MacKenzie Environmental Education Program in Pynette. She rewrote materials to meet Wisconsin teaching standards and helps to teach more than 7,000 students who visit the center each year.
- **Dave Lorentz** — Youth Conservationist of the Year. Lorentz founded the first Rice Lake High School Conservation Club in 2006 and has helped to put 60 fish cribs in Rice Lake.
- **Rep. Spencer Black** — Conservation Legislator of the Year. Black, D-Madison, chairs the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and was the key legislator in adopting the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund, and has been the legislative champion for restoring the appointment authority of the DNR secretary back to the Natural Resources Board.
- **Paul Lindberg** — Youth Shooting Sports Educator of the Year. Lindberg has turned student interests toward trap shooting, and there are now trap-shooting leagues throughout Appleton High School.
- **Robert Schuh** — Local Communicator of the Year. Schuh has been writing a weekly outdoor column in the *Lakeshore Chronicle* since 2000. He spends many hours attending meetings and gathering information to keep sportsmen informed.
- **Dunn County Fish and Game Association** — Conservation Organization of the Year. The Dunn County Fish and Game Association emphasizes habitat and many of their projects, including acquisition of land, center on habitat improvement for wildlife.
- **James Horne** — Conservation Warden of the Year. Horne has served as a warden for 22 years in Shawano County, and is involved in the community. He has developed excellent cooperative relations with the Menominee Indian Tribe and is involved with the *Into the Outdoors* TV show.
- **New Holstein Ice Fishing Club** — Youth Conservation Club of the Year. Founded in 2006, the club started with four diehard fishermen pre-tending they were part of a "varsity" fishing team, and today the club has 130 student members. The club conducted three ice-fishing tournaments this past winter and has attracted more than one-quarter of the school's student population to its events.
- **Tim Eisele** — Statewide Conservation Communicator of the Year. Eisele is a full-time freelance outdoor writer and photographer and correspondent for *Wisconsin Outdoor News*. He covers news of the DNR, Natural Resources Board, and Legislature, and has written extensively on the need to restore the appointment authority of the DNR secretary back to the Natural Resources Board.

Organizations pump millions from paper mills into restoration efforts

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Officials supervising the restoration phase of the Lower Fox River cleanup project have spent more than \$34 million of paper mill money so far to restore the wildlife habitat.

"Undoing the damage is a big component of this project," said Larry Kriese, a former Department of Natural Resources official who is coordinating the Northern Pike Habitat Restoration Project in the Suamico and Little Suamico River watersheds. "This is the largest restoration on private land on the west shore of the bay in a whole lot of years."

The Natural Resources Damage Assessment law — part of the federal Superfund act that is the government's leverage to force the removal of PCBs from the Fox River — is the legal vehicle that has been used to restore damaged habitat since 1991.

"We want to bring the environment back to a level it would be if there weren't any PCBs," said Colette Charbonneau of the Green Bay office of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. "We can't make it pristine again, but it's heading in the right direction."

PCBs — polychlorinated biphenyls — were chemicals used in the production of carbonless copy paper beginning in the 1950s. A \$700 million, nine-year process of dredging, dewatering and storing PCB-laden sediment from the river began in May and has drawn widespread attention.

The pollution contaminated much of the fish life in the river, as well as wildlife that fed off the fish. DNR advisories warning people of the potential health dangers of consuming fish and duck from the river remain in effect.

Restoration projects have been ongoing for almost two decades. Since 2002, 5,985 acres of wetland have been enhanced, 815 acres of wetland have been restored, and 9,087 acres of wildlife habitat have been placed in public ownership.

The restoration's oversight committee — the NRDA Trustee Council — includes representatives of the Fish & Wildlife Service, DNR and the Oneida and Menominee tribes.

About 40 restoration projects have been completed, and 25 are ongoing, Charbonneau said.

Funding is provided by the paper mills that were named by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as responsible parties in polluting the river. Georgia-Pacific negotiated an \$8.5 million liability settlement with the council several years ago and donated 1,063 acres of land it purchased on the west shore to the DNR.

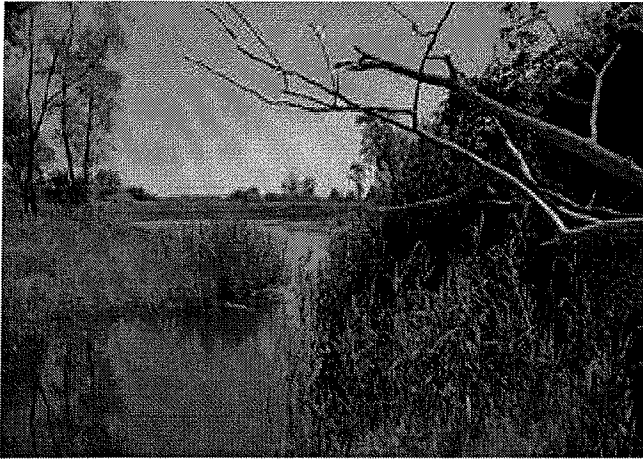
The council continues to negotiate with the major polluters, NCR Corp. and Appleton Papers Inc., for future restoration projects.

Kriese works part time for Brown County Land and Water Conservation Department, meeting with property owners who might be willing to let the government restore fish or wildlife habitat on their land.

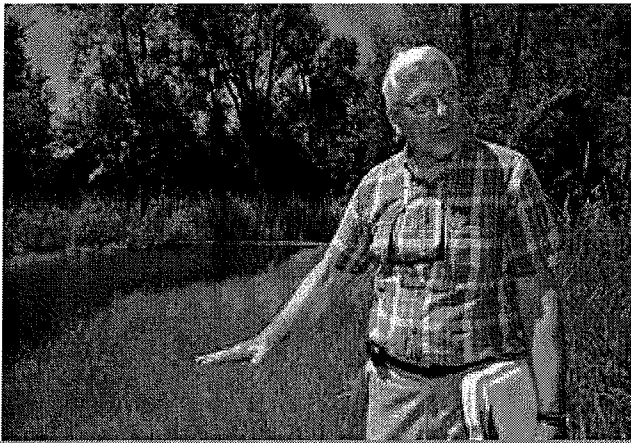
"I'm drinking a lot of coffee around kitchen tables," Kriese said.

The pike project on Barkhausen Creek in Suamico compensates landowners who participate. Ducks Unlimited and the Brown County Conservation Alliance also contribute funds to the restoration project.

The Brown County Land Conservation Department has announced an open sign-up period for landowners who want to improve the fish and wildlife habitat on their property.



Part of Barkhausen Creek in Suamico near the bay has been restored to improve fish-spawning habitat as well as attract other wildlife. H. Marc Larson/Press-Gazette



Larry Kriese has been working to help restore habitat along the west shore of the bay of Green Bay. He is pictured at Barkhausen Creek, an area restored to improve fish-spawning habitat. H. Marc Larson/Press-Gazette

RESTORATION DATA

Work accomplished as part of the Fox River/Green Bay restoration work between 2002 and 2008:

- 5,985 acres of wetland enhanced.
- 350 acres of island habitat enhanced.
- 394 acres of upland prairie waterfowl nesting habitat restored.
- 90 acres of oak savanna restored.
- 247 acres reforested to control spring water runoff.
- 6 acres of aquatic spawning habitat restored for walleye.
- Walleye rearing facility established to stock 50,000 fingerlings per year into Green Bay.
- 9,087 acres of habitat protected in perpetuity.
- Great Lakes spotted musky reintroduced with 30,000 fingerlings per year in bay tributaries until 2015.
- 74 acres of wild rice reintroduced.
- 815 acres of wetlands restored.

— U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service